REMARKS:

Claims 1-43 are pending in the present Application.

The courtesy of the Examiner in granting a telephone interview to discuss this application is noted with appreciation. During the telephone interview, it was agreed that claim 1 as amended herein includes allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, by this Amendment claim 1 has been amended to include the agreedupon allowable subject matter. Claim 8 has been cancelled and claim 7 has been amended to conform to the changes made to claim 1. Thus, claim 1 and its dependent claims are considered to be in condition for allowance.

Also by this Amendment independent claims 15, 29, and 43 have each been amended to include limitations similar to those of claim 1. Thus, claims 15, 29, and 43 and any claims depending therefrom are likewise considered to be in condition for allowance.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to claims 1-43 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

No fees are believed to be incurred by the filing of this Amendment. However, if a fee should be required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 500777. If an extension of time is required and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed. Any fee required for such Petition for Extension of Time should be charged to Deposit Account No. 500777.

Please link this application to Customer No. 53184 so that its status may be checked via the PAIR System.

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